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SUBJ: STAG PAUL FOSTER

REF: FOSTER/AMBASSADOR BARNES LETTER OF JUNE 12

1. AMERICAN PLAYWRIGHT PAUL FOSTER HAS WRITTEN AMBASSADOR REGARDING FOSTER'S INTEREST IN VISITING ROMANIA UNDER USG AUSPICES IN CONNECTION WITH RECENT PRODUCTION HERE OF HIS PLAY ELIZABETH I.

2. FYI - "ELIZABETH" IS CURRENT HIT OF ROMANIAN THEATRE. BEING STAGED AT BUCHAREST'S BULANDRA THEATRE, PRODUCTION STRONGLY REFLECTS RECENT U.S. EXPERIENCE (AT ARENA STAGE IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WASHINGTON) OF PLAY'S DIRECTOR LIVIU CIULEI. PARTICULARLY

DELIGHTFUL TO LOCAL AUDIENCES IS INCLUSION IN CIULEI PRODUCTION OF A CONTINUING PARODY OF CENSORSHIP TENDENCIES OF POLITICAL, CULTURAL AND ACADEMIC BUREAUCRATS. END FYI.

3. IN LIGHT OF PLAY'S SUCCESS
HERE AND UNUSUALLY INNOVATIVE
AND LIBERAL (IN ROMANIAN CONTEXT) MANIFESTATION WHICH IT REPRESENTS, POST CONSIDERS POSSIBLE FOSTER VISIT A PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMMING OPPORTUNITY OF SIZEABLE POTENTIAL. IN ADDITION, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT OTHER AREA POSTS MAY HAVE PROGRAM USE FOR FOSTER.

4. FOSTER'S LETTER SUGGESTS EARLY JULY AS HIS PREFERENCE FOR ROMANIAN VISIT. ROMANIAN PRODUCTION WILL NOT, HOWEVER, BE STAGED DURING JULY. PLAY RESUMES IN AUGUST DURING WHICH TIME AMERICAN LIBRARY CLOSED. POST HAS CONSULTED WITH LIVIU CIULEI AND WE WOULD ENTHUSIASTICALLY WELCOME FOSTER VISIT FOR SEVEN DAYS DURING PERIOD OCTOBER 1 -20 ("ELIZABETH" IS SCHEDULED FOR REGULAR PERFORMANCES IN OCTOBER). ALTERNATIVELY, FOSTER COULD COME IN SEPTEMBER AND CIULEI WOULD ARRANGE SPECIAL PERFORMANCE (PLAY NOT NOW SCHEDULED TO RUN IN SEPTEMBER).

5. AMBASSADOR WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT CONTACTING FOSTER (236 EAST 5TH ST., NEW YORK 212-982-9695 OR C/O MRS. MARION SEARCHINGER, CMA AGENCY, 600 MADISON AVE., NEW YORK) TO THANK HIM FOR HIS LETTER HERE AND TO DETERMINE IF OCTOBER (OUR FIRST CHOICE) OR SEPTEMBER DATES ARE ACCEPTABLE IN PRINCIPLE. IN ADDITION, APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT CONSIDER FOSTER FOR STAG GRANT (AS PER PROJECT 2-H POST FY-1975 CU COUNTRY PLAN PROPOSAL SUBMITTED UNDER BUCHAREST A-143, MAY 20). DEPARTMENT GRANT SHOULD COVER INTERNATIONAL ROUND-TRIP TRANSPORTATION AND PER DIEM IF POSSIBLE. POST WILL PROVIDE OTHER COSTS AS NECESSARY.

6. LOOK FORWARD TO EARLY REPLY.
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